



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 21-3256, **Agenda Item #:** 29.

11/4/2021

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center, d/b/a Integral Care to provide tobacco cessation health and wellness services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer+ individuals, in the amount of \$35,800 for the term of October 15, 2021 to April 28, 2022, with three 12-month extension options each in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$80,800.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$35,800 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund from a grant from the Texas Department of State Health Services through their agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the DP-20-2001 National and State Tobacco Control Program. Funding for the remaining terms is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Prior Council Action:**

June 3, 2021 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20210603-027, which approved acceptance of grant funds for this project, on a 10-0 vote.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

Tobacco use remains the leading preventable cause of death in Travis County. Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer+ communities are disproportionately affected by tobacco use. One in five lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer+ individuals use tobacco, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer+ individuals are five times less likely to call a smoking cessation quitline. The Texas Department of State Health Services has allocated funds to the Austin Public Health Department from a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to reduce tobacco related health disparities among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer+ communities.

Through this interlocal agreement, Integral Care will plan and implement lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer+ focused tobacco cessation health and wellness groups to reduce tobacco disparities among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer+ communities, and encourage tobacco cessation. Integral Care will attend staff training on best practices for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer+ tobacco cessation groups, select a best-practice curricula designed for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer+ tobacco cessation groups, or develop a curricula for this purpose. Integral Care will conduct marketing and outreach for the cessation classes and recruit between eight and fifteen lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender,

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and queer+ community members who utilize tobacco products in the initial tobacco cessation group. Renewal option services would consist of initiating additional tobacco cessation and wellness groups in future years as well as process, impact, and/or outcome evaluation to determine if the group(s) is/are reaching the intended goal of reducing tobacco-related health disparities among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer+ communities. Renewal options are contingent on the availability of funding in future project years and the scope of services needed.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.